

Statewide Regulation Now Limits Diesel-Fueled Commercial Motor Vehicle Idling



The Law

On or after February 1, 2005, the driver of any vehicle subject to this section:

(1) shall not idle the vehicle's primary diesel engine for greater than 5 minutes at any location (please see "When can I idle?")

(2) shall not idle a diesel-fueled auxiliary power system (APS) for more than 5 minutes to power a heater, air conditioner, or any ancillary equipment on the vehicle if you have a sleeper berth and you're within 100 feet of a restricted area (homes and schools)

Who's affected by the new regulation?

Operators of diesel-fueled commercial motor vehicles that weigh more than 10,000 pounds operating in California, regardless of the state or country in which the vehicles are registered.

What are the penalties for non-compliance?

The driver of the vehicle is subject to a minimum civil penalty of \$100 and to criminal penalties as specified in the Health and Safety Code.

When can I idle?

Idling is allowed under these circumstances:

- A bus idling for up to 10 minutes prior to passenger boarding, or when passengers are onboard
- Idling of the main engine during sleeping or resting in a sleeper berth beyond 100 feet from any restricted area (homes and schools)
- Idling when the vehicle must remain motionless due to traffic conditions
- Idling when the vehicle is queuing that at all times is beyond 100 feet from any restricted area (homes and schools)
- Idling to verify safe operating condition
- Idling is mandatory for testing, servicing (cleaning of commercial vehicles/trucks/buses is not considered servicing), repairing, or diagnostic purposes
- Idling when positioning or providing power for equipment that is performing work
- Idling when operating defrosters, heaters, air conditioners, or other equipment to prevent a safety or health emergency
- Idling by authorized emergency vehicles
- Idling of military tactical vehicles during periods of training
- See regulation for details *

***REGULATION**

For the text of the regulation, visit <http://www.arb.ca.gov/toxics/idling/regtext.htm>